

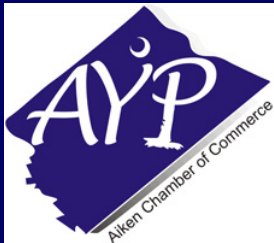
# Aiken Young Professionals

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Our mission is to provide an environment for young, career-minded individuals between the ages of 22 and 39 to meet and develop both socially and professionally.

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### *Coming Up...*

**April 15**  
**Third Thursday**  
**6:00 - 8:00**  
**Travinia**

**May 10**  
**Celebrity Waiter Night @**  
**Soiree**

**June 9**  
**Lunch and Learn @ The**  
**Willcox Inn**

**Spring is finally here! Come enjoy the evening with Aiken Young Professionals.**

Thursday, April 15

6:00 to 8:00 PM  
at Travinia

470 Fabian Dr, Aiken, SC 29803

AYP will meet on the patio at Travinia for our next event. Food and a cash bar will be available for members' enjoyment. Feel free to stay for dinner!

RSVP to Mandy Collins at [mcollins@aikenchamber.net](mailto:mcollins@aikenchamber.net) or (803) 641-1111.



If you have not renewed your memberships, we have missed seeing you at the events. To renew please contact Mandy Collins at (803) 641-1111 or stop by the Great Aiken Chamber of Commerce to renew in person.

## Young Professional Spotlight



David J. Fallaw, M.D. is a 2001 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wofford College. Dr. Fallaw attended medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina (2002-2006). As a native of Aiken, David returned home to complete a residency in Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia (2006-2009) and was elected Chief Resident for 2009-2010. He has particular interests in Resident Education, Hospital Policy and Improvements, and the diverse pathology of Internal Medicine. In the community, he is actively involved in the Aiken Chamber Young Professionals as the chair of Technology and Communications. David also is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting, fishing, farming, and sneaking in a few rounds of golf.

If you would like to be a featured young professional, please email your information to Jessica Ross at [jross2@srpfcu.org](mailto:jross2@srpfcu.org) by April 30, 2010.



## ATTENTION!!!

All members please sign into the member directory to verify your contact information. The password to access the document is **Aiken175**.

## Acoustic Sessions

April 28, 2010

at *The Willcox* by the pool with specials for

*Aiken Young Professionals*

*Drink specials offered will include*

*\$3 beers and \$5 wines*



## The Aiken Bluegrass Festival

The 2010 Aiken Bluegrass Festival is back at Highfields May 14th through 15th. Friday the 14th will feature BBQ, cocktails, and Dixie Bee Liners with more bands to be announced. Bands playing throughout the weekend include:

Dixie Bee Liners  
Steep Canyon Rangers  
Iron Horse  
Town Mountain  
Doug and the Henry's  
Flipside  
The Kenny George Band  
AND MANY MORE...

Thursday, May 13th will be a "Downtowngrass" night throughout the Downtown Aiken bars.

For more information follow the festival on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/pages/The-Aiken-Bluegrass-Festival/130763194042](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Aiken-Bluegrass-Festival/130763194042)

or their website at:  
[www.aikenblugrassfestival.org](http://www.aikenblugrassfestival.org)

## Celebrity Waiter Night May 10, 2010 at Soiree

We are taking reservations now. Please contact a member of the Community Outreach Committee with your reservations. Dinners will be served at 6:00 and 8:00 PM.

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## Networking at its BEST

Few people are naturals at networking. Most of us have to work at it. Networking can be daunting when you're attending an event and you don't know anyone, or if you are more reserved. With a few tips and practice, networking can help you build your business connections, make new friends and connect people, and boost your confidence. AYP encourages our members to network as much as possible at our events.

### **\*Remember Me?\***

Experienced networkers say 'Nice to see you' or 'Great to see you'. They know it works better than 'Nice to meet you'. The latter greeting is problematic when that person may respond, 'We've met before.'

HOLE-N-ONE  
Family Fun Center  
Presents The 2nd Annual:

## Spring Swing Classic

The Spring Swing Classic is an upbeat miniature golf tournament that is designed to be a fun night for you to get away from the stress of everyday life.

So come swing the night away and know that with your contribution, you are changing the lives of children in your community!

Thursday, April 22, 2010

HOLE-N-ONE

Family Fun Center

3197 Whiskey Rd.

Aiken, South Carolina

All Proceeds Will Benefit

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Aiken

## PLANE PULL

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta, Inc.®

Saturday, May 1, 2010  
Augusta Regional Airport  
Augusta, GA

### **What's a Plane Pull®?**

- The Plane Pull® is a new major fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta. This is the second year for the event.
- FedEx is providing a Boeing 727 jet. The jet weighs 155,000 pounds.
- Twenty-person teams are invited to raise a minimum of \$500 to enter and compete in pulling a plane 12 feet. The team that pulls the plane the fastest wins. Trophies will be awarded to the Fastest Overall, 1st 2nd and 3rd, Team with the Biggest Heart and Best Dressed Team, most donations raised.
- Up to 40 teams (of 20 persons each) can enter.
- The deadline to enter is Friday, April 16.

### **\*Smile Power\***

Positive Networking starts with a smile. You smile at someone and they smile back. It's automatic because the brain is hard-wired to function this way. A smile opens the door to friendly communication. It's your best networking asset. Never leave home without it.



### **Why Pull a Plane?**

The Plane Pull® is a great team-building activity. Companies or groups are encouraged to get their employees, members and friends to sign up, hold a "practice" session to discuss strategy and build enthusiasm, and come early to watch their competition. Sponsorship referrals and team-to-team challenges are also encouraged!

Be honest. When else will you get a chance to pull a plane?

### **Team Benefits**

#### **Each Team receives:**

- 20 Lunch Coupons
- 20 Plane Pull Arm Bands
- Access to Team Photos (for printing)
- Preorder discount for T-shirt or raise \$100 as an individual and get one free. (Pledge form in captain's package)
- Day of Family Fun, children's activities, vendors, FEDEX Nascar and much more
- Fun Facts
- 1st Place Winners from 2009
- Business Category - Ipswitch (software company) fastest time 12.022 seconds
- Health Care Category - Hope on a Rope (MCG Children's Medical Center NICU) fastest time 15.509 seconds
- Community Group Category - The Munchkins (organized community group) fastest time 13.675 seconds
- Biggest Head Win Award - Sara's Soldiers (a group organized in honor of Sara who died of Cancer)
- Best Dressed and Biggest Heart - AD Pilots (Alpha Delta Pi Sorority from ASU); they raised the most money in donations for the house.

Our vision is to be an organization that brings young professionals together through the hosting of networking and educational events throughout the year. We will be an avenue for attracting and retaining new young professionals to the Greater Aiken area through these events. We will be a voice in the community for the young professionals in greater Aiken by fostering a collaborative relationship between the greater Aiken Chamber and area businesses.

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